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WITH NASA

FOL FROM SAO PAULO SENT BRASILIA RIO DE JANEIRO FEB 25, 1976:

QUOTE

SAO PAULO 0437

1. FERNANDO DE MENDONCA, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPACE  
RESEARCH (INPEL) IN SAO JOSE DOS CAMPOS, S.P., INFORMS US HE HAS BEEN  
ABLE TO OVERCOME GOB OBJECTIONS TO NASA'S OPEN DOOR POLICY OF PROVID-  
ING ERTS DATA TO ANY INTERESTED PARTY, INCLUDING FOREIGN GOVERNEMTNS,  
WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO  
MENDONCA, IT HAD BEEN BRAZILIAN POLICY FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO OPPOSE  
RELEASE TO THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT SPECIFIC GOB APPROVAL OF ANY DATA  
PERTAINING TO BRAZIL OBTAINED BY REMOTE SENSORS. THIS POSITION,  
MENDONCA SAID, WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO NASA AND WOULD HAVE THREATENED THA  
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RENEWAL OF THE NASA-INPE AGREEMENT ON SPACE DATA COOPERATION, WHICH

COMES DUE WITHIN A MONTH OR TWO. FAILURE TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED INPE'S FLEDGLING REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM WHICH IS JUST BEGINNING TO SHOW PRODUCTIVE AND PRACTICAL RESULTS.

DURING HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., IN JANUARY TO ATTEND A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, MENDONCA DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH NASA OFFICIALS, WHO PROVIDED HIM WITH DATA AND MAPS PERTAINING TO THE US WHICH THE SOVIET UNION CURRENTLY MAY PURCHASE FOR A SMALL FEE AT NASA'S PUBLICATIONS OUTLET AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE FREE TO SEND INDIVIDUALS TO CONFIRM THE DATA ON THE GROUND IN THE US. ARMED WITH THIS DATA, MENDONCA RETURNED TO BRAZIL AND CONVINCED MEMBERS OF THE BRAZILIAN SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO THE PRESIDENT (COBIA?) THAT IF THE US COULD MAKE SUCH DATA AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION, THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR BRAZIL'S IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE MUCH MORE LIMITED ERTS OR LANDSAT DATA PERTAINING TO BRAZIL. AS A RESULT OF HIS INTERVENTION, MENDONCA SAID, THE GOB IS NOW PREPARED TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH US GOVERNMENT RENEWING THE NASA-INPE AGREEMENT.

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